


HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE FOR RAJASTHAN
BENCH AT JAIPUR

S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 5145/2026

M/s Nawal Kishori Mines And Minerals Private Limited, Having Registered Office At Opposite Government College, Kasera Colony, Karauli, Through Director Sanjay Kumar Garg, S/o Sh. Haricharan, R/o - House No. 114, Near Rest-House, Opposite College, Karauli, District- Karauli, Rajasthan. -----Petitioner

Versus

1. State Of Rajasthan, Through Principal Secretary, Department Of Mines And Petroleum, Government Of Rajasthan, Secretariat, Jaipur.
2. Department Of Mines And Geology- Karauli, Through Its Mining Engineer, Karauli -----Respondents

For Petitioner(s) : Mr. Sandeep Singh Shekhawat with
Mr. Akshay Dutt Sharma
For Respondent(s) : Mr. Rahul Lodha, AGC

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUROOP SINGHI
Order

19/03/2026

1. The present writ petition has been filed challenging the communication dated 29.10.2025, whereby a demand of Rs.23,15,520/- has been raised against the petitioner towards dead rent of Rs.5,11,317/- for the period 01.10.2025 to 31.12.2025 and interest of Rs. 18,04,203/- for the period 01.04.2007 to 30.09.2025.

2. Mr. Sandeep Singh Shekhawat, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the said communication, by no stretch of imagination, can be treated as a show cause notice as a final determination of the demand has already been made. He further submits that the petitioner has been directed to deposit the demanded amount within a period of thirty days without being afforded any opportunity of hearing or to justify its case.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that although the amount towards dead rent of Rs.5,11,317/- has already been paid by the petitioner on 03.12.2025, there was no occasion to levy interest, particularly for the period during which the lease itself was not in existence .

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that it is a matter of record that the lease initially granted to its predecessor entitled namely Ms. Geeta devi, was cancelled on 11.12.2012, against which a revision petition was filed which came to be allowed by the Revisional Authority vide order dated 08.06.2022 (Annexure-1), whereby the matter was remanded back to the Mining Engineer.

5. Pursuant thereto, the Mining Engineer, vide order dated 24.03.2023 restored the Mining Lease after which the dead rent amount of Rs.23,82,452/- was also paid.

6. Taking note of the above, issue notice to the respondents.

7. Mr. Rahul Lodha, learned AGC, puts in appearance on behalf of both the respondents.

8. Hence, service is complete and notice need not be filed.

9. Learned counsel for the respondents prays for and is granted two weeks' time to file reply to the writ petition.

10. List the matter on 09.04.2026 in the category 'For Fresh Admission' after showing name of Mr. Rahul Lodha, learned AGC in the cause list.

11. Till the next date, the effect and operation of the impugned demand letter dated 29.10.2025 shall remain stayed.

(ANUROOP SINGHI),J